

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SETTING UP OF FREIGHT TERMINALS IN PRIVATE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have prepared any plan to set up freight terminals in private sector;
- (b) if so, the details and the time by which the project is likely to be taken up;
- (c) whether some freight and container terminals have already been set up; and
- (d) if so, the total number of terminals set up so far, station-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) & (b): In order to provide value added service to rail customers and in view of scarcity of resources for funding terminal infrastructure, it has been decided, in principle, to invite private parties with sound credentials to set up freight terminals. A proposal has been received from a party to set up such a terminal.

(c) & (d): Container terminals are set up by the Container Corporation of India Ltd. (CONCOR), a Public Sector Unit under the Ministry of Railways. The Government has allowed private parties to set up rail linked container terminals. However, no container terminal under private sector has been set up so far.